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Advisory Action Before the Filing of an Appeal Brief	Application No. 10/030,464	Applicant(s) FEUSSNER ET AL.	
	Examiner Yong D. Pak	Art Unit 1652	

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THE REPLY FILED 03 March 2006 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE.

1. ☒ The reply was filed after a final rejection, but prior to or on the same day as filing a Notice of Appeal. To avoid abandonment of this application, applicant must timely file one of the following replies: (1) an amendment, affidavit, or other evidence, which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee) in compliance with 37 CFR 41.31; or (3) a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114. The reply must be filed within one of the following time periods:

- a) ☒ The period for reply expires 3 months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
b) ☐ The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.

Examiner Note: If box 1 is checked, check either box (a) or (b). ONLY CHECK BOX (b) WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

NOTICE OF APPEAL

2. ☐ The Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. A brief in compliance with 37 CFR 41.37 must be filed within two months of the date of filing the Notice of Appeal (37 CFR 41.37(a)), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 41.37(e)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal. Since a Notice of Appeal has been filed, any reply must be filed within the time period set forth in 37 CFR 41.37(a).

AMENDMENTS

3. ☐ The proposed amendment(s) filed after a final rejection, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because
(a) ☐ They raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
(b) ☐ They raise the issue of new matter (see NOTE below);
(c) ☐ They are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
(d) ☐ They present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: _____. (See 37 CFR 1.116 and 41.33(a)).

4. ☐ The amendments are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. See attached Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (PTOL-324).
5. ☒ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): rejections under 112, 1st and 2nd paragraphs.
6. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
7. ☒ For purposes of appeal, the proposed amendment(s): a) ☐ will not be entered, or b) ☒ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.
The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:
Claim(s) allowed: _____.
Claim(s) objected to: _____.
Claim(s) rejected: 12, 14-16, 18, 20 and 22.
Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: 24, 26 and 28.

AFFIDAVIT OR OTHER EVIDENCE

8. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after a final action, but before or on the date of filing a Notice of Appeal will not be entered because applicant failed to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why the affidavit or other evidence is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 1.116(e).
9. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after the date of filing a Notice of Appeal, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because the affidavit or other evidence failed to overcome all rejections under appeal and/or appellant fails to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why it is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 41.33(d)(1).
10. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence is entered. An explanation of the status of the claims after entry is below or attached.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION/OTHER

11. ☒ The request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: see attached.
12. ☐ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s). (PTO/SB/08 or PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____.
13. ☐ Other: _____.

ADVISORY ACTION

Claims 12, 14-16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26 and 28 are pending. Claims 24, 26 and 28 are withdrawn. Claims 12, 14-16, 18, 20 and 22 are under consideration.

Response to Arguments

The amendment filed on March 3, 2006 under 37 CFR 1.116 in reply to the final rejection has been considered and has been ENTERED but is not deemed to place the application in condition for allowance because: the amendment and request for consideration does not overcome the rejection of claims 12, 14-16, 18, 20 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gan et al., Sloane et al. and Geerts et al., as discussed below. The rejections under 112, 1st and 2nd paragraphs have been withdrawn in response to the amendment of the claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

Claims 12, 14-16, 18, 20 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gan et al., Sloane et al. and Geerts et al.

In response to the previous Office Action, applicants have traversed the above rejection.

Applicants argue that the claims have been amended to recite a method of enhancing the specificity of a potato tuber lipoxygenase consisting of SEQ ID NO:3 for position 11 of arachidonic acid comprising changing the amino acid at position 576 of SEQ ID NO:3 to a Phe residue and the references of Gan, Geerts and Sloane do not

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disclose or suggest such a particular amino acid modification at position 576 of SEQ ID NO:3 that enhances the specificity of said lipoxygenase for position 11 of arachidonic acid, much less changing the amino acid at position 576 of SEQ ID NO:3 to a Phe residue. Examiner respectfully disagrees. As discussed previously in the Office Action mailed on December 19, 2005, although Gan et al. and Sloane et al. do not teach enhancing a potato tuber lipoxygenase's specificity for position 11 of arachidonic acid, Gan et al. and Sloane et al. does teach that the residue 418 of a human lipoxygenase, which corresponds to position 576 of potato tuber lipoxygenase, is critical for substrate binding and affects positional specificity of arachidonic acid. Based on this observation, one having ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to modify the potato tuber lipoxygenase of Geerts (which is 100% identical to SEQ ID NO:3), by substituting the amino acid corresponding to 418 of human lipoxygenase, such as with a Phe residue. Further, there is a reasonable expectation of success, since Gan et al. and Sloane et al. teaches that the residue corresponding to position 576 of potato tuber lipoxygenase is critical for substrate binding and effects positional specificity of arachidonic acid.

Hence, the rejection is maintained.

None of the claims are allowable.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yong Pak whose telephone number is 571-272-0935.

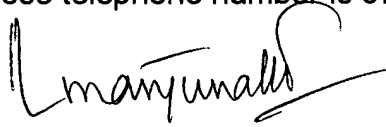
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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ponnathapu Achutamurthy can be reached on 571-272-0928. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-872-9306 for regular communications and 703-872-9307 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 571-272-1600.

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